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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003, subjecting Claims 1-80 to restriction in the above-identified patent application.

In a telephone call with the below signed attorney on October 6, 2003, Examiner indicated that Group I should have been Claims 1-17 and 74-80. Group II was correctly set forth as Claims 18-50; 51-73.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I set of claims (1-17, 74-80) without traverse.

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